

Remarks

Claims 9, 10, and 13-21 are now pending in this application. Applicant has cancelled claims 11 and 12 and amended claims 9, 13, and 15-18 to clarify the present invention. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application.

The Examiner indicated that claim 12 recites allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended claim 9 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 12 and claim 11, from which claim 12 depended. Therefore, claim 9 should be allowable.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) as not illustrating a machine driver recited in claim 13. The Examiner objected to the specification as not describing a machine driver. Claim 13 does not recite a machine driver. Claim 13 recites first connecting part that is adapted to engage a machine driver. Additionally, page 4, 26-29; and page 6, lines 11-21 describe that the first connecting part is for a dental drilling machine. In view of the above, Applicants submit that the drawings comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) and respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

The Examiner rejected claims 9-11, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 6,840,919 to Håkansson in view of U.S. patent 6,599,297 to Carlsson et al. The Examiner rejected claims 15-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Håkansson in view of Carlsson et al. and further in view of U.S. patent 4,712,681 to Branemark. These rejections are no longer relevant since only claims that the

Examiner indicated are allowable are currently pending. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that this case is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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Respectfully submitted,



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